

side of the aisle putting so much energy into debate over an alleged slight against a Member, I prefer to expend my energies talking about things that are of national importance.

One of the most important things Congress ought to be addressing is the issue of education, because we are denying our children throughout this country the opportunity to get a decent education in many schools that are substandard, and are in such sorry State that no Member of this House would ever dare to send their own children there.

Every Member of this House will have an opportunity soon to cast a vote that will count for the future. There is a bill by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. PITTS] to ensure that 90 cents on every education dollar goes directly into the classroom. The time has come for us to say no more to teachers having to pay for pencils and paper and basic supplies out of their own pocket because we feed a bureaucracy stealing money from our children and classrooms. If we would spend more time focusing on that issue today, our time would be better spent.

PUT ELECTION CONTEST BEHIND

(Mr. GREEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague for mentioning education. It sounds like a pretty good idea. If they would quit trying to cut education funding, then maybe we could get 90 cents of every dollar to there. My kids did go to public schools, and I am proud that they did, and they had a great education.

But today I am concerned about what happened yesterday. We had an incident yesterday in the House that brought ridicule to this House. We had a former Member confront a current elected Member of Congress on this floor while the House was in session.

The election challenge to the gentleman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] must be completed and put to rest now. We have more important things to address, like they said, like education, like campaign finance reform, instead of letting something like that get in the way of the action of this House. That is why it needs to be put to rest.

We should never allow something like this to disrupt what Congress has to do in dealing with enforcing the Balanced Budget Act and providing educational opportunity. Yet, what we see is just continuing festering of that election contest. Let us put it to rest.

THE CONSTITUTION, A UNIQUE DOCUMENT

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrated the 210th anniversary of

the Constitution. The Constitution is different than any other document that was ever devised as a framework for Government on this continent or any other, and the difference in the Constitution is found in the first three words, "We the people."

No other document ever purported to be the framework for Government and get its right to govern from the people. The Magna Carta started, "We the Barons of England." The Articles of Confederation started, "We the States."

This document has been the framework that has lasted longer than any other document that has been the framework for Government. It has been copied by country after country.

One of the major tenets of the Constitution is the importance of State governments, the importance of communities, the importance of a Federal Government that acts appropriately in this Federal system we have.

We will be bringing bills to the House later this year, as the gentleman from California [Mr. ROGAN] has pointed out, that I am a cosponsor of, that we have cosponsors of from both sides of the aisle, that talk about giving more decisionmaking back to states, back to communities, and education. I look forward to that debate.

PASS MEANINGFUL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the American people are talking about the Republican leadership, and the Republican leadership just is not listening.

The people are telling this Congress that they are sick and tired of big money flooding the Halls of their government. They are fed up with special interests taking priority over the national interests. Most of all, Mr. Speaker, they are fed up that the Republican leadership still refuses to act.

Mr. Speaker, let us hold hearings, review all of the good bills that have already been drafted, and pass meaningful campaign finance reform legislation.

Mr. Speaker, they say that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." But, Mr. Speaker, I say that our campaign finance system is broke and it needs fixing.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I have a privileged motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. DOGGETT moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 41, nays 370, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 405]

YEAS—41

Allen	Filner	Olver
Berry	Ford	Pallone
Bonior	Frank (MA)	Pelosi
Clyburn	Gejdenson	Slaughter
Conyers	Hastings (FL)	Stark
Coyne	Kaptur	Stupak
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Tierney
Delahunt	Lowey	Torres
DeLauro	Martinez	Towns
Deutsch	McCarthy (NY)	Vento
Dingell	McDermott	Waters
Doggett	McNulty	Waxman
Eshoo	Miller (CA)	Woolsey
Evans	Mink	

NAYS—370

Abercrombie	Collins	Goodling
Ackerman	Combest	Gordon
Aderholt	Condit	Graham
Archer	Cook	Granger
Armey	Cooksey	Green
Bachus	Costello	Greenwood
Baesler	Cox	Gutierrez
Baker	Cramer	Gutknecht
Baldacci	Crane	Hall (OH)
Ballenger	Crapo	Hall (TX)
Barcia	Cubin	Hamilton
Barr	Cummings	Hansen
Barrett (NE)	Cunningham	Harman
Barrett (WI)	Danner	Hastert
Bartlett	Davis (IL)	Hastings (WA)
Barton	Davis (VA)	Hayworth
Bass	Deal	Hefley
Bateman	DeGette	Hefner
Bentsen	DeLay	Herger
Bereuter	Dellums	Hill
Berman	Diaz-Balart	Hilleary
Bilbray	Dickey	Hilliard
Bilirakis	Dicks	Hinojosa
Bishop	Dixon	Hobson
Blagojevich	Dooley	Hoekstra
Bliley	Doolittle	Holden
Blumenauer	Doyle	Hooley
Blunt	Dreier	Horn
Boehlert	Duncan	Hostettler
Boehner	Dunn	Houghton
Bono	Edwards	Hoyer
Borski	Ehlers	Hulshof
Boswell	Ehrlich	Hutchinson
Boucher	Emerson	Hyde
Boyd	Engel	Inglis
Brady	English	Istook
Brown (CA)	Ensign	Jackson (IL)
Brown (FL)	Etheridge	Jackson-Lee
Brown (OH)	Everett	(TX)
Bryant	Ewing	Jefferson
Bunning	Farr	Jenkins
Burton	Fattah	John
Buyer	Fawell	Johnson (CT)
Callahan	Fazio	Johnson (WI)
Calvert	Flake	Johnson, E. B.
Camp	Foley	Johnson, Sam
Campbell	Forbes	Jones
Canady	Fowler	Kanjorski
Cannon	Fox	Kasich
Capps	Franks (NJ)	Kelly
Cardin	Frelinghuysen	Kennedy (MA)
Carson	Frost	Kennedy (RI)
Castle	Gallegly	Kennelly
Chabot	Ganske	Kildee
Chambliss	Gekas	Kilpatrick
Chenoweth	Gibbons	Kim
Christensen	Gilchrest	Kind (WI)
Clay	Gillmor	King (NY)
Clement	Gilman	Kingston
Coble	Goode	Klecza
Coburn	Goodlatte	Klink